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My own sweet Precious Wifie:-

How happy I am this morning! Just got your darling big letter of the 24th, and believe me, love, it sure is wonderful. I read and reread it a number of times. Read it in the restaurant, read it in the office and then read it in the Post Office where I had gone to get some stamps. Lovie dear, you just can't imagine how happy your letters make, and I can assure you, they are worth a fortune.

Precious, as for the furniture, I'll say this, that, if I can't get anything to be sure of, I'll order it as you suggested, and when they deliver it and you don't like it, we will return it. You see, love, I really don't know how to buy, leastways, home furnishings, but I do so want to have a little home fixed up for you when you come, so that's why I am writing you about it. Love, that ivory set for $99.00 consists of 3 pieces, so I won't buy it I don't think, but will look up for a 4 piece set, and they cost about $150. I am going to buy that set, for it is pretty beyond description, and am sure it will wear and wear well. As for the dishes, love, it is best that we do as you suggest. I thought I would buy it so as to fix up the home as nicely as possible for you, so you will feel satisfied with the home. Lovie, that's what I am trying to do! To show you, as little and as humbly as I can that I do love you. Love you with a clean, honorable love, unfluctuating & everlasting. I can assure you I'm after my uncle and will try and make him fulfill his promise. Yes, sweetheart, it sure does make me feel happy to look up the ads for furniture and rooms, for it makes the time so near, and believe me, I sure am happy whenever I think of the time when you will be here with me. Lovie dearest, I love you.

Honey love, I am sure your dress came out lovely. Don't care how Rose teases you about being fat, for you know that even if you are stout, I'll love you just the same. It won't last much longer, love, this teasing, for you will soon, please God, be with your lonesome hubby, who will always love his beloved, precious little wifie, forever and ever. As far as clothes are concerned, if you can get enough to come here with, it will be fine, but, darling, never you worry about it, hear? For I am here to provide for it, and please God, as my practice grows and money begins comming in, I'll take care of you, honey, so that you will be contented and happy. I know, darling, that the reason you love me couldn't possibly be for what I have given you, for all that I did give you was only my love, but, precious, believe me, that love is pure, honorable and steadfast, and I can assure you that with God's help, I'll give you in addition, a happy and comfortable home. Precious, though this separation is terrible, it has shown us how we love each other, for dear, I can't see another woman without seeing you. Whenever I see an honest, pure little girl, I think of you, think how much I love and miss you! Love dear, its you that I love and adore! Its only you who can make me happy, and I am sure,

as a matter of fact, I am sure that we will both be happy when we are together. What say you, Beloved? My own queen, for you are my queen, and, dearest, I can assure you that it is an honor to me to be able to say of you, that you are my wife, for love, no man is so blessed with such a rare jewel, as I am with you. And for the baby, he sure will be daddy's darling, and of course, the prince of love. He will represent the sacredness of our wedlock, and of the undying love and devotion of you to me and me to you. Love dear, we will be happy, won't we? I sure will try to make you happy, treat you gently, kindly and considerately, for dear, you know how often I've told you, you are not only my wife, but my companion, my comrade! Wherever possible I can go with you, you will go, whatever I will do, I'll have your wisdom to guide me, and it will be you, love heart, who will enjoy the fruits of my labor, you and, please God, our first-born. Oh, how I wish the time to come already when you will be here. I can assure you that I am as happy as I can be when ~~I~~ I think of how near the time is for you to come. Not later than May 1st, please God. I would love to have you leave May 1st, which is Thursday, so you will get here May 3rd, which is Saturday, because then I can be home with you Saturday afternoon & Sunday, without worrying over any loss of cases. You understand, love, don't you? I would take any time off for you to come, but it is so much better as I stated just now because if I do lose a case, it means you will be deprived of so much, and I sure do not want to deprive you of anything, if I can possibly help it.

Yes, Fan darling, the little cases steadily lead up to big ones. Love, do you remember the case I mentioned in one of my recent letters, the one where that little girl came up to see me about her being threatened with a pair of shears? Well, I spoke to the dean about it and he told me to proceed immediately and sue; I am going to do so and Monday, I am going to draw up the papers and sue for $25,000.00/100. The dean simply wouldn't let until I assured him I was going to be pretty sure. He said "Joe, don't slip up on that case", and believe me, Toots, I won't, if I can possibly help it. I told you, love, once before, that whenever I receive or am about to write a letter to you, or whenever I am dreaming of you, it brings me luck. Well this morning, just as I began reading your letter the negress I wrote to you about, and whom you mentioned in your letter came up and gave me $11.00 on account, so I can go on with the divorce papers. I sure did think I lost her as a client, for she didn't show up for nearly a week, but I reckon she must have got a mental telephone from you, and therefore she came on and gave me the case. I am charging her only $15.00 for my fee, but I am satisfied so long as I can get a case. You see, dear, these negroes recommend one another and in that way help to build up a practice. Aren't you happy, love dear? Lord, I sure do hope I get a nice little fat judgment in that big case! Then, too, little by little, I will work up my collection cases, and I am sure, I'll have a nice big practice in time. I only hope for a nice clean practice, criminal or civil.

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I can assure you, love, I'm not afraid of a criminal action or practice. I can never forget that stupid remark that A. J. made. Do you remember? It was at the fisher's and he said he was afraid to handle a case where a man's liberty was at stake. I wonder what he would do if he was picked out to defend a man accused of murder, carrying with it the death penalty? By Jove, I'll tell the world, I'd go into it. It would give me a good chance at making a good name for myself. Yes, darling, I feel myself that so far, (Knock wood) I've done well, but of course, I'm not satisfied. I am after something big and believe me, I'll get it, if nothing inevitable stops me. I forgot to tell you, love, that I am also going to get a few income tax returns to make out. That will be about $5.00 for each, and if I get a nice few, you can see how helpful it will be.

Love dear, you just can't imagine how anxious the dear is to see you. I sure am going to introduce him to you. He sure does take a keen interest in me. As a matter of fact, he always has, that is why I like him so well.

As for the lodge, dearest, I believe I wrote you in my previous letter that my uncle won't let me withdraw. He is going to see whether or not I will be black-balled. Bernstein's nephew started talking a little too much, and he found himself at a certain place where he was made to understand that he will have to discontinue talking the way he has. He got into communication dog-gone quick with my uncle and I can assure you, he quit talking to people as he has. He was going around telling people that uncle Morris black-balled Bernstein, so my uncle just went ahead, without a word, did what he had to, and as the result as I just related. That is why my uncle doesn't want to withdraw my application. I sure do hope he is right when he says I will in all probabilities be taken in, and if not, I can assure you, though I will feel badly over it, I won't loose any sleep, so you needn't worry about it.

Honey love, I sure am happy over mondear's improvement. I sincerely hope and pray that she will continue so improving. I sure do wish I could see that plate. Maybe, if all goes well I'll have one made for our home, eh? It sure must be a wonderful piece of work. Well, he sure does deserve a fitting tribute. Sort mine my own dad is my model and I can assure you I'll try and be as true and steadfast as him. Wasn't he wonderful, Sort? And the way he loved you! Always spoke of you as a daughter and, love, you sure did treat him as a daughter and I.

assure you, I will never forget your wonderful conduct towards him at his last illness. Often times it comes to my thoughts, and how plainly I can see you sitting by the bed-side. Honey, I was also glad to read about mounsdear offering you the candle-sticks. She sure does love you, precious, how much so, you can't imagine, but I am sure you realize now that she simply adores you. She wrote me how happy she was to think that you will soon come to Memphis.

I am glad that you told Lolly to bring back my uniform. He sure does worry me considerably, as mounsdear writes she he is not behaving himself as he should. I sure do wish he would change. As for Zider, I wrote mounsdear that I was informed here that they in England, will probably toss in Russia's now, so someone should go to the British Pass-port Bureau, 44 Whitehall St., and see about it before it is too late. Remind her of it, will you, Toots?

Some time, lovie, when I have a little more time, I'll do as you suggest and drop a line to her and inclose it with yours. I certainly am sorry to hear how bad your dad is working, but Toots, $50.00, is money, so you shouldn't feel badly. $50.00 for a week's work is dandy.

Love, I sure was shocked to read about this Will Friedman. And as for his wife, I have absolutely no use for her. Funny, isn't it, I had absolutely no use for her from the start. It is too bad that this incident deprives Barney of help. How is it, Toots, that Nellie has decided to wait another month? She sure is a good kid, to work, willingly, I presume, after she gets there. Love dear, when you come here, you won't work, but you are going to have your own home, and there, whatever work you want to do, you will do.

As to Fanje's wedding, I wrote her mother a letter wishing her the usual best wishes. She sure did work like a trojan, and now I can see mounsdear returning the favor at Fanje's wedding. Love, don't let her work too hard. I want you, love, to enjoy yourself. Hear? I sure love to be there and enjoy myself with you, but that is impossible, so you will have to enjoy yourself without me. I really mean it, love heart. Enjoy your precious self as much as you can.

I sure am sorry to hear that about Ada. Poor girl, she certainly is in hard luck. I sincerely hope that she will have better luck, and soon, too. I wish I could help her. I'd gladly do it.

Love, the "flu" is still with me, but not much. The

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papers are full of items stating that the "flu" is a certainty next year. I'll try and take care of myself, love, just as you are taking care of yourself. I was glad to read how well your little footsie is getting on. Lovie, remember, take good care of yourself.

Precious, I still remember your admonition to mail my letters on time. It's now 3¹⁵, so will run over to the post office and mail it, so it will catch to-nights train, so I will draw this to an end, sweetheart, thanking you for your darling letter and wishing, hoping, and praying for more like them, with all my love, hugs, and kisses to my darling, precious, sweetest and rarest jewell, you, my own wifie,

As Ever your own loving & yearning
Hubby